

The Open Space and Trails Committee met on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at Seabrook City Hall, 1700 First Street, Seabrook, Texas to discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items listed below.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

Helen Burton	Chair
Sally Antrobus	Vice-Chair
John Coggeshall	Member
Monica Comeaux	Member
Debra Harper	Member
Karen Tisdell	Member
Meredith Brant	Assistant City Secretary

1.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Antrobus stated that she had a note from Andrew Thomas regarding the trail between Robinson and Wildlife Parks. He asks that the trail be straightened out somewhat as it has too many twists and turns making it difficult for runners to navigate.

2.0 BUSINESS

2.1 Students planting marsh grasses.

Ms. Burton stated that Marsh Mania will take place on May 17, although three school groups have already been out planting cord grass between Todville Road and the bay. She added that the dredging of the gully is finished.

2.2 Recognition of volunteers.

Ms. Burton stated that she has ordered the bronze plaque which will be placed on the trails at Todville recognizing Dow for the tree grant.

2.3 Update on Texas Parks & Wildlife trail.

Mr. Coggeshall reported that he had met with city staff to discuss the three phases of the new trail. Phase 1 includes constructing a small bridge across the subsidiary creek at Wildlife with the trail running to the fire training grounds. Phase 2 will go left off the bridge, under the trees toward Friendship Park. Phase 3 will go from the fire training grounds to SH 146.

2.4 Consider park assignments.

Park assignments are as follows:

Baybrook Park, Boat Ramp and Pine Gully Park – Karen Tisdell
Brummerhop Park, Mohrhusen Park and Wildwood Park – Helen Burton
Carothers Gardens and Wildlife Park – Sally Antrobus

Friendship Park and Robinson Park – Monica Comeaux
Hester Gardens, McHale Park, Meador Park and Miramar Park – Debra Harper
Second Street Park – John Coggeshall

2.5 Consider updates on the previously discussed items:

Ms. Burton gave updates on the following:

- **Little Free Library** – The dedication will be May 22 at 4:15 p.m.
- **Trees planted in memoriam** – A massive tree has been planted at Pine Gully Park near the natural playground and is being watered once a week.
- **Memorial benches** – New benches have been installed. Ms. Comeaux mentioned that her husband's company may be interested in donating benches.
- **Dow grant** – Ms. Burton has submitted the grant application.

3.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.

Ms. Harper stated that she may have a couple of people to help in the butterfly garden.
Ms. Antrobus stated that the soakers are not working properly at Carothers.

3.2 Approve the minutes of the April 3, 2014 meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Antrobus and seconded by Ms. Tisdell

To approve the minutes as written.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

3.3 Consider Action Items Checklist which is attached and made a part of this agenda.

Item #3 – Mr. Coggeshall added that TXDoT has plans for a trail going west.

Item #6 – Dredging has ended.

Item #10 – Report was given on April 15. The next report is scheduled for July.

Item #12 – David Fosdick has volunteered to redo a bench, refurbish signs, repair bird feeders.

3.4 Consider upcoming meeting dates and agenda items.

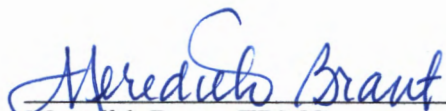
The next meeting will be June 5. Agenda items should include:

- Green Mountain grants for trash cans for recycling (Harper)
- Consideration of a dog park (Comeaux)

- Presentation concerning grants (Jamie Guined and Rachel Huey)
- Marsh Mania
- Consider impacts of straightening trail

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.


Helen Burton, Chair


Meredith Brant, TRMC
Assistant City Secretary

